



**The Georgian-Norwegian Rule of Law Association
in cooperation with Georgian Law Firms Association and
Kordzadze Law Office
proudly presents**

The Rule of Law Annual Law Student Writing Competition

ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to law students who, at the date the entry is submitted, attend an accredited law school within Georgia or Norway.

TOPIC: The entrants can choose one of the following topics:

- (1) The History and Rationale of the Rule of Law. Impact on Society;
- (2) Dependence and Independence of Judges, Prosecutors and other Parties to the Legal Process. Legitimate and illegitimate Influences from Internal and External Actors;
- (3) Alternative Dispute Resolutions vs. Court Hearings;
- (4) Constitutional Control and Democratic Governance;
- (5) Adversarial vs. Inquisitorial System in Criminal Proceedings;

In addition, the entrants are free to choose any topic that falls within the scope of the Association's objective, namely to establish a meeting point where different professions can discuss practical and legal matters in an open minded fashion to further develop and understand the rule of law in Georgia and Norway, all in the spirit of NORLAG's (The Norwegian Mission of Rule of Law Advisers to Georgia) work in the period 2004–2013.

JUDGING: A winning entry will contain an original discussion of the selected topic, will be substantively accurate and supported by citations, concise, well-reasoned, and clearly written. The Association reserves the right not to award a prize if, in the judgment of the judging panel, no entry meets these conditions. The decision of the judging panel is final.

PRIZE: The winners (one Georgian and one Norwegian) will receive a \$ 500 cash prize that will be presented at the Associations conference in Tbilisi 29 May 2015 with approved transportation and lodging costs to be covered by the Association. (Winners are responsible for any applicable taxes on both the cash prize and reimbursed travel.)

In addition, the winners will take part in an exchange program including visits to relevant institutions (i.e. courts, administrative bodies and prosecution services) as well as a cultural program. The Georgian winner will visit Norway and the Norwegian winner will visit Georgia. All approved expenses will be covered by the Association.

The Norwegian winner will be offered a six week internship at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Riksadvokatembetet) in the summer 2015.

The Georgian winner will be offered a three month internship in a law firm - "Kordzadze Law Office"

At the discretion of the Association, the winning entries as well as other entries may be selected for publication in Georgian and Norwegian law journals, subject to editing. Should the Section be unable to locate the winner within 30 days of the award decision, the prize is forfeited and an alternative winner may be selected.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION: Only original and unpublished papers are eligible. Papers prepared for law school credit are eligible provided they are the entrant's original work. Jointly authored papers are not eligible. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to have their work reviewed and critiqued by a faculty member or practicing lawyer, although the submission must be the student's own work product. A student may submit only one entry per contest year.

FORMAT: Entries must be written in English and cannot exceed 4000 words, including titles, text, and citations. The text should be submitted in Word as an e-mail attachment. No strict citation standard applies.

SUBMISSION: Two title pages are required.

The **first title page** must include:

- (1) title of paper
- (2) last four (4) digits of author's ID number
- (3) author's name
- (4) telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address
- (5) name of law school
- (6) year of expected graduation

The second title page should include only:

- (1) title
- (2) last four (4) digits of the author's Social Security (ID)number.

DEADLINE: All entries must be received by the Association no later than April 22, 2015. The winners will be notified by May 15, 2015. The sponsors are not responsible for late, lost, or misdirected entries, or for computer errors or technical failures.

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